

Residential street resurfacing expands in 2022 -Three parks to get upgrades, Lot mowing begins for the year-

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The latest contract approved by the Dayton City Commission on April 13 brings residential street resurfacing planned for 2022 to a total nearly 41 percent more than resurfacing completed in 2021.

With the additional contract, the City of Dayton will resurface 93 residential lane-miles this year (spending \$9.6 million). Last year, 66 lane miles were newly paved, at a cost of just over \$7 million.

Of the total spent on residential resurfacing in 2022 and 2021, more than one-third (\$3,384,500 each year) resulted from revenue generated by Issue 9, a 0.25%, eight-year earnings tax increase approved by Dayton voters in November of 2016. City leaders pledged to devote Issue 9 revenue to residential street resurfacing (among other needs), with a goal of having all streets in fair condition by the close of the eight-year period (end of 2024).

Other residential street resurfacing funding sources for 2022 are federal Community Development Block Grants and City of Dayton general obligation debt.

"We're making good progress on our street resurfacing pledge to voters," said Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr. "It's one way, an important one, that the City of Dayton works to strengthen neighborhoods and make the city more appealing as a place to live and do business."

In addition to street improvements, Issue 9 funds are dedicated to mowing vacant lots citywide and making enhancements to city parks.

City crews will begin the mowing season in late April, continuing into fall. The City mows more than 6,000 properties, with each scheduled to be mowed up to five times over the season. Weather can affect scheduling and the number of mows completed.

For Issue 9-funded park improvements this year, McIntosh Park will get a new basketball court and Highland and Cleveland Parks are scheduled for new playground equipment.

As seasonal work occurs, completed projects and expenditures can be tracked at www.daytonohio.gov/yourdollarsyourneighborhood.

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